

UCRLS (Qld)

The usual mixture of serious seminars and restrained revelry was the flavour for UCRLS (Qld) in 1995.

We began the year with a welcome back function, both to welcome members to 1995 and to welcome travellers home from abroad. Madeleine MacPherson (university librarian, University of Southern Queensland) and Graham Dawson (QUT library cataloguing department) spoke on the joys and perils of working overseas. We even got to see the slides.

The second event of the year was the *After Ausweb* seminar in May. Three speakers from the *Ausweb 95* conference were invited to speak. Jonathan Roper, from Reed-Elsevier, discussed their moves into electronic publishing and the possible effects of new technology on publishing and libraries. Mike Lean, QUT's copyright officer, cast light upon the increasingly muddied world of copyright and its implications for the producers, providers and users of digitised information. Scott Balson, of Global Info-links, gave a fascinating account of



At the *Approaches to research seminar* were Jess Burke (UCRLS); Judith Edwards, keynote speaker; Christine Bruce, panellist and facilitator; Assoc Prof Colin Mercer, panellist and Margaret Smith (RAISS)

the rationales, processes, and politics that affected the development of Ipswich City Council's provision of an internet service to its community. Two speakers then gave a report back seminar, followed by discussion of the recent developments in internet service provision.

The third *Approaches to research* seminar, organised jointly with RAISS, was held on 6 October and, judging by the level of interest from

both sections and beyond, seems set to become an annual event. This year we invited Judith Edwards, university librarian at Central Queensland University (CQU), to deliver our keynote address discussing the place of research in libraries, the experience of CQU in exploring the research dimension and the perils, pitfalls and promises of research activity. A panel of researchers then contributed their experiences and the practicalities were explored in a series of group sessions.

The UCRLS and RAISS Committees would like to thank all participants, including those who thought they were the audience.

Measured Success: Using CAUL performance indicators was an evening seminar presented by Margaret Robertson and Ken Scott of QUT Library in November. Margaret prepared *CAUL performance indicator B — document delivery performance* and Ken Scott has used *CAUL performance indicator C — materials availability* at QUT's Gardens Point library.

The year ends for us with the AGM and Christmas party.

UCRLS (Qld's) other major achievement for the year was the establishment of our own home page. Our thanks to Judy Peacock for development and maintenance and to Ivan Trundle for support. The UCRLS (Qld) home page is now situated on the ALIA server at <http://www.alia.org.au/~jpeacockNome/html>.

In 1996 we aim to develop some of the interests established to date as well as exploring new areas. One of our goals is a revised edition of the booklet *A student's guide to academic and research libraries in Queensland*.

Kate Harbison and Jess Burke

UNESCO memory of the world program

Dr Jan Lyall, director, National Preservation Office, National Library of Australia gave a talk to 35 ACT Library staff and visitors to the National Library on 7 September on the *UNESCO memory of the world program*. The meeting was organised by the Asia-Pacific Special Interest Group of ALIA.

Jan has been working on the preparation of the guidelines for the program for the past year.

The program seeks to identify internationally significant textual and non-textual documentary heritage which should be preserved. A register is to be established which will record details of the materials. Access to the documentary heritage may be provided by CD-ROMs and other forms of reproduction technology. Materials to be covered include printed materials, films, photographs, works of art, and electronic media. The criteria for inclusion refer to their influence on world cultural development, integrity, rarity and content.

Stephen Foster and Roslyn Russell from Australian Heritage Projects and Duncan Marshall have worked with Jan on drawing up the guidelines. Michael Piggott of the Australian Archives has also provided assistance. Jan called upon her fellow Australians to raise the awareness in the Asia-Pacific region to the program.

The May 1995 meeting in Paris of the Advisory Committee of the *Memory of the world program* accepted the guidelines. Jan hopes and expects that the UNESCO general conference meeting late this year will approve the guidelines. Jan can be contacted for more information on this important project on 06 262 1571, fax 06 273 4493, or e-mail jlyall@nla.gov.au. She would be interested to receive comments and suggestions from the Asia/Pacific region as it has not been a participant to date in the project.

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